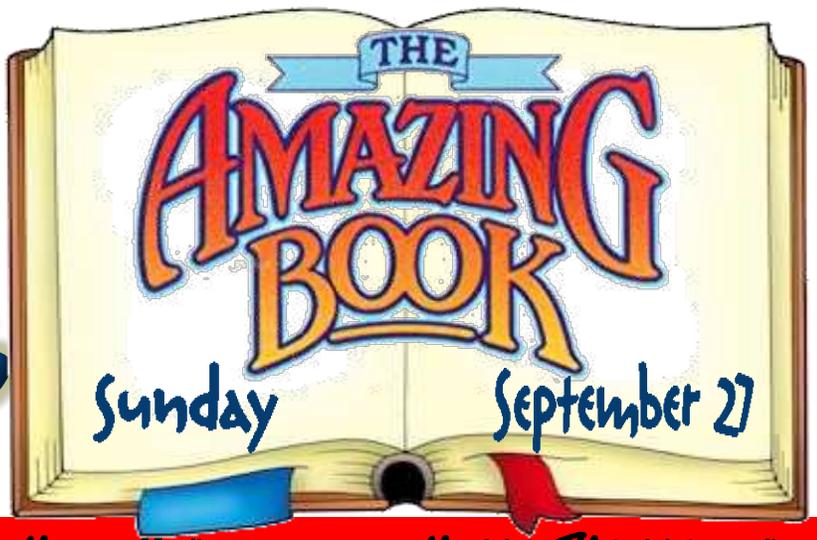


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## MINI-MESS



LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - "BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

**OLD PROMISE**  
**OLD TESTAMENT**  
**PHYSICAL KINGDOM**

**NEW PROMISE**  
**NEW TESTAMENT**  
**SPIRITUAL KINGDOM**



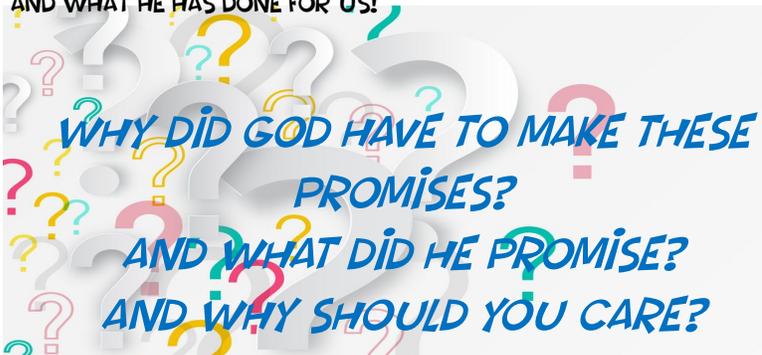
## PROMISES! PROMISES!

THE WORD TESTAMENT COMES FROM THE LATIN (PROMISE). SO THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS CAN ALSO BE CALLED THE OLD AND NEW PROMISE.

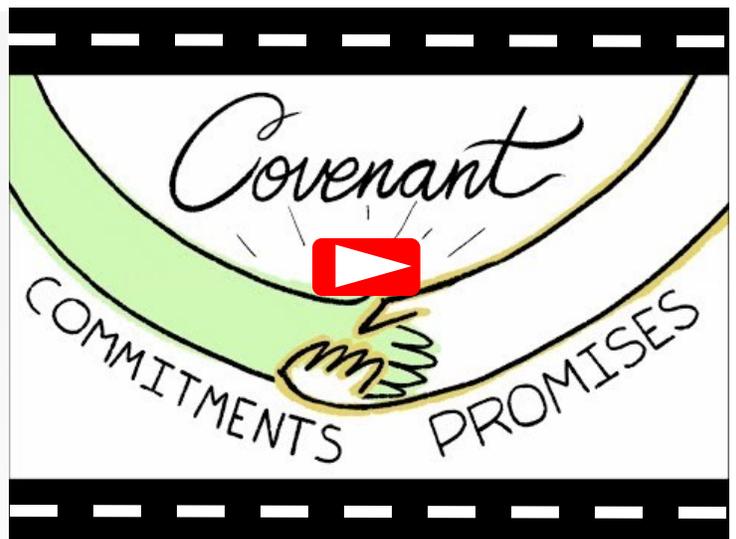
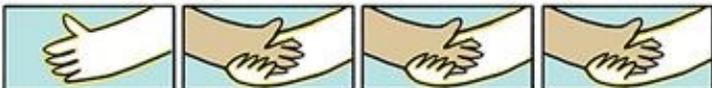
ONE WAY TO LOOK AT THE BIBLE IS AS A BOOK OF PROMISES.....AN OLD PROMISE AND A NEW PROMISE! ANOTHER WAY TO LOOK AT IT IS AS TWO KINGDOMS. THE OLD TESTAMENT IS THE STORY OF GOD MAKING A PHYSICAL KINGDOM. A PLACE WITH BUILDINGS AND A TEMPLE AND A SPECIFIC GROUP OF PEOPLE! THAT KINGDOM WAS CALLED ISRAEL!

THE NEW TESTAMENT IS THE STORY OF GOD MAKING A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM; A KINGDOM WE CAN'T SEE OR TOUCH BUT EVERYONE ON EARTH CAN BE A PART OF! A KINGDOM THAT COMPLETES GOD'S RESCUE PLAN ONCE AND FOR ALL! SO THE NEW TESTAMENT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE SENSE WITHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT AND

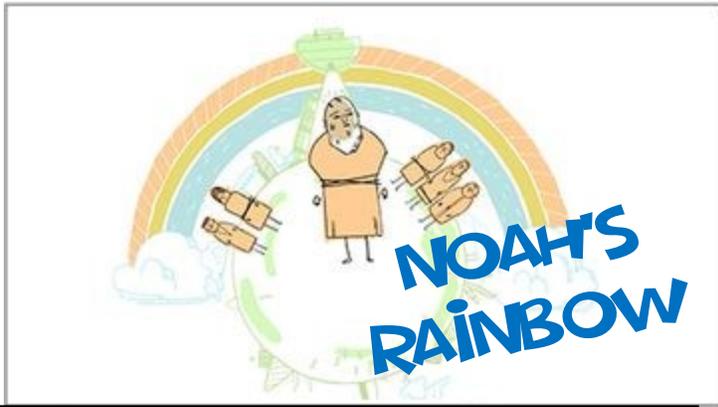
THE OLD TESTAMENT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE WITHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT. WE NEED THE WHOLE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US!



NOAH ABRAHAM ISRAEL KING DAVID



# SYMBOLS OF GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES



## GROW A RAINBOW AT HOME

### EQUIPMENT:

- + PAPER TOWEL
- + WATER BASED MARKERS (CRAYOLA MARKERS)
- + WATER
- + SHALLOW DISH
- + PAPER CLIP
- + THREAD

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

USE SOME MARKERS TO DRAW THE BEGINNINGS OF A RAINBOW ON A PAPER TOWEL. USE A PAPER CLIP AND SOME THREAD TO SUSPEND THE PAPER TOWEL ABOVE A DISH. WITH THE ADDITION OF WATER, YOUR RAINBOW BEGINS TO INCH TOWARDS THE SKY!



## ABRAHAM:

## SAND + STARS



## SAND + STARS SNO-GLOBE

GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM AS MANY DESCENDANTS AS THERE WAS SAND ON THE SEASHORE. GOD ALSO COMPARED ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS TO THE STARS IN THE HEAVENS. THIS PROMISE WAS MADE AT A TIME THAT ABRAHAM AND HIS WIFE WERE TOO OLD TO BEAR CHILDREN, SO THE FACT THAT ISAAC WAS BORN WAS A MIRACLE. GOD INDEED FULFILLED HIS PROMISE, AND FROM ISAAC CAME JACOB, AND FROM JACOB CAME THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

### TO MAKE THIS FUN CRAFT, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

- + A PLASTIC JAR
- + WASHED SAND
- + WATER
- + BLUE EGG DYE
- + GOLD STARS CONFETTI

### DIRECTIONS:

SCOOP SOME SAND INTO THE JAR. ADD WATER TO THE JAR. PUT A COUPLE OF DROPS OF BLUE FOOD COLORING INTO THE JAR TO REPRESENT THE SKY. NOW POUR THE STAR CONFETTI INTO THE JAR. SCREW ON THE LID. YOUR SAND AND STARS CRAFT IS COMPLETE. YOU

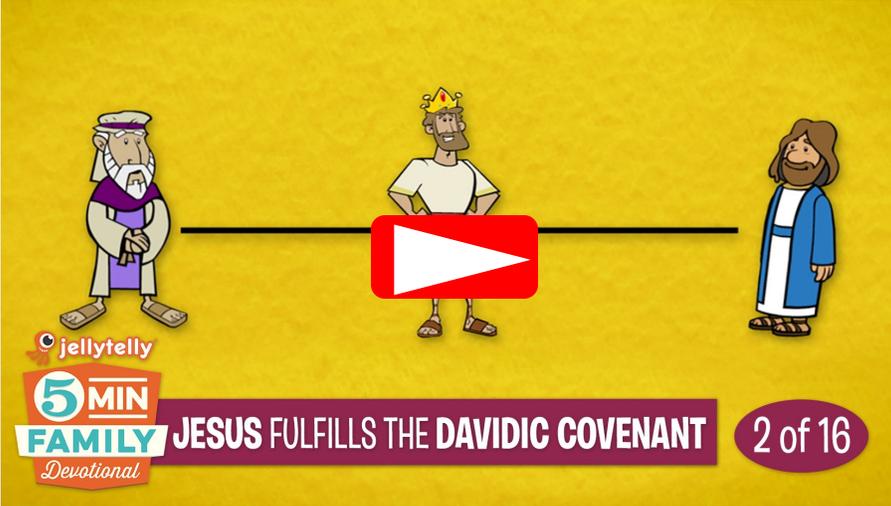
CAN USE THIS LIKE A SNOW GLOBE, SHAKING IT TO SEE THE SAND AND STARS, REMEMBERING GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM.







# KING DAVID + THE DAVIDIC COVENANT



## STAR OF DAVID

LEGENDS SAY THAT THE STAR OF DAVID WAS USED BY THE BIBLICAL KING DAVID. IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE CREATION STAR BECAUSE OF THE 6 POINTS OF THE STAR. THE 12 SIDES OF THE STAR SYMBOLIZE THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL WHO DAVID RULED OVER.



## STAR OF DAVID PRETZELS

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 CUP NONDAIRY CHOCOLATE, MELTED
- 60 GLUTEN FREE PRETZEL STICKS
- SPRINKLES

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. YOU WILL NEED 6 PRETZEL STICKS PER STAR. DIP EACH PRETZEL STICK INTO THE MELTED CHOCOLATE.
2. ASSEMBLE TOGETHER ON A PIECE OF WAX PAPER AND COAT WITH SPRINKLES.
3. ALLOW TO SET UNTIL HARDENED. YOU CAN PLACE IN THE FREEZER TO EXPEDITE THIS PROCESS.



# FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## 1. What does "salvation" mean? What does "redemption" mean?

Salvation means to be saved or rescued from danger. Redemption means having a debt paid so you can be free!

## 2. Why do we need salvation and redemption?

We need to be saved and redeemed from sin! When we sin, we ignore God and do things our own way. Sin separates us from God, leaving us alone forever. As we learned, sin leads to death.

## 3. What is the "good news"?

The "good news" is that God has a plan! Read Romans 6:23. God has a plan of redemption and salvation that begins with Abraham, who is known as the father of many—that's us!

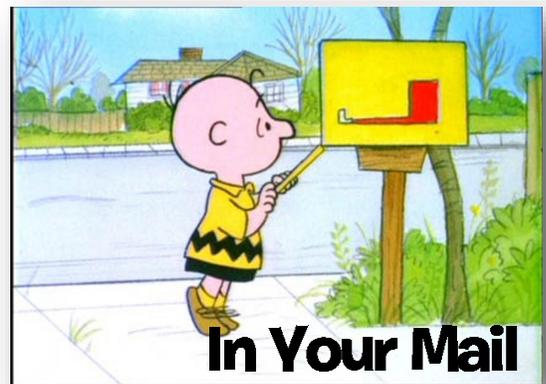
## 4. Do you remember what faith means?

Faith means believing that God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He'll do. Abraham had faith!

## 5. What are the three promises that God gave to Abraham?

- 1) He would be the father of a great nation.
- 2) Through Abraham all families of the earth would be blessed.
- 3) God will give Abraham's children the land of Canaan, which is called the Promised Land.

## 6. Read Romans 4:18. What does it mean that God fulfills His promises?



THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE IN THE MESSY CHURCH PACKETS MAILED OUT FOR THE MESSY CHURCH HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 20.



"God Keeps His Promises"  
Bag Charm

## YOU WILL NEED:

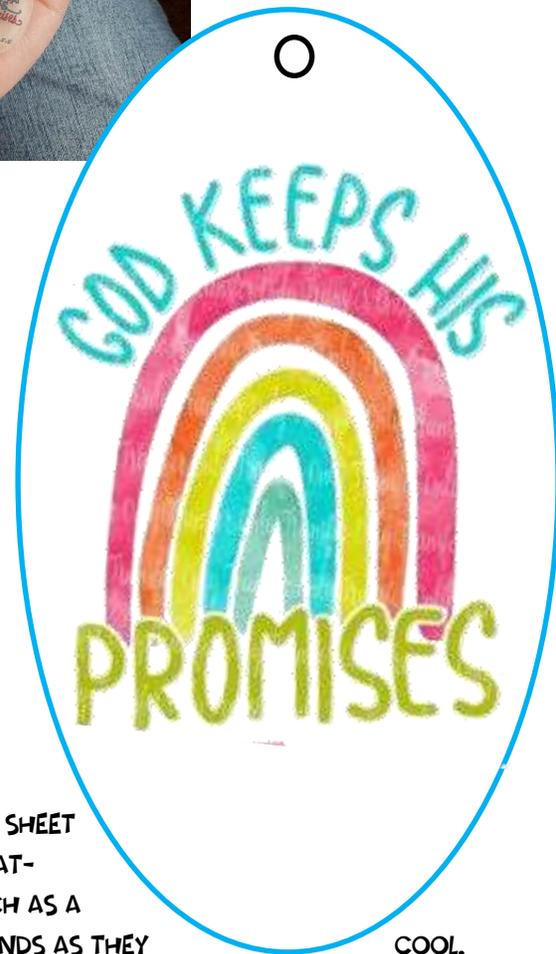
- COLORED SHARPIES OR OTHER PERMANENT MARKERS
- OVEN OR TOASTER OVEN
- PARCHMENT PAPER OR BROWN PAPER BAG
- SHRINKY DINK PLASTIC (OR YOU CAN USE PLASTIC WITH THE NUMBER "6" RECYCLE COUNT).

## DIRECTIONS:

POSITION THE SHRINKY DINK OVER THE IMAGE WITH THE PUNCHED HOLE AT THE TOP. TRACE THE DESIGN AND COLOR WITH PERMANENT MARKERS. COLOR LIGHTLY BECAUSE WHEN THE IMAGE IS SHRUNK THE COLORS WILL DARKEN.

CUT OUT THE DESIGN. PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 325 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. WHILE THE OVEN WARMS, CUT ONE SIDE OF A BROWN GROCERY BAG INTO A RECTANGLE THAT FITS ON THE TOP OF A COOKIE SHEET. PLACE THE PAPER ON THE COOKIE SHEET AND FOLD ONE CORNER OF THE PAPER UP, AS A TAB FOR LIFTING IT AFTER BAKING. PLACE YOUR SHRINKY DINKS DESIGNS COLORED-SIDE UP ONTO THE PAPER, AND THEN BAKE THEM FOR ONE TO THREE MINUTES ONCE THE OVEN HAS HEATED. WATCH THE SHRINKY DINKS THROUGH A WINDOW IN THE OVEN, OR OPEN THE OVEN DOOR SLIGHTLY TO CHECK ON THEM. ONCE THE PIECES LIE FLAT INSTEAD OF CURLING UP, BAKE FOR 30 MORE SECONDS. THEN REMOVE THE COOKIE SHEET FROM THE OVEN. SLIDE THE PAPER OFF THE COOKIE SHEET AND PLACE IT ONTO A HEAT-RESISTANT SURFACE SUCH AS A COOL STOVE BURNER. PRESS A FLAT WEIGHT, SUCH AS A PHONE BOOK OR THICK PAD OF PAPER, ON THE WARM SHRINKY DINKS FOR 15 SECONDS AS THEY COOL.

THIS ENSURES THE PLASTIC HARDENS FLAT, RATHER THAN CURVED. WHILE VENTILATION IS NOT REQUIRED, OPENING A WINDOW SLIGHTLY WHILE WORKING REMOVES ANY POTENTIAL ODORS OR FUMES. STRING THE STAR BEADS AND STAR KEY CLAMP LIKE THE PICTURE SHOWN ABOVE. TIE THE SHRINKY DINK "CHARM" ONTO THE BOTTOM. HOOK YOUR FINISHED CHARM ONTO A BOOK BAG OR USE AS A KEY RING.





## More In Your Mail

MORE THAN EVER, CHILDREN NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST GOD'S PROMISES FOR THEIR OWN LIVES. THIS SIMPLE ACTIVITY IS DESIGNED WITH THAT END IN MIND.

IN YOUR PACK MAILED TO YOU THERE WILL BE A BOOKLET THAT GOES OVER EACH OF THE PROMISES GOD GAVE TO HIS PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

YOU WILL ALSO HAVE PAGES (SEEN TO THE RIGHT) THAT THE CHILDREN WILL CUT APART. CUTTING ON THE PRINTED LINES.

FOLLOWING THE BOOKLET, PUT TOGETHER THE RAINBOW OF PROMISES INTO A SMALLER BOOKLET.

"BIND" THE BOOKLET CREATED BY EITHER STRINGING A CORD THROUGH THE HOLES AND TYING THE CORD OR BY STAPLING THE PAGES TOGETHER AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE BELOW:

# Rainbow Promises Booklet



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY PACKET OF MATERIALS FOR MESSY CHURCH CLICK THE REGISTRATION BUTTON:



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# TASKMASTER



## THE CHALLENGE TO THE FAMILIES OF LEWINSVILLE CHURCH

You are hereby challenged to choose a favorite Bible Story from either the Old Testament or the New Testament...

1. SILENTLY recreate and film an iconic scene or moment from that Bible Story.
2. You MAY NOT use Stop Motion or Computer Animation. You MAY use costumes and props.
3. Most recognizable and enjoyable Silent Bible moment reenactment WINS.
4. All films must be submitted by Sunday, October 18.
5. Contact Allison Lineberger with your scene title and to get directions how to submit your film-  
[alineberger@lewinsville.org](mailto:alineberger@lewinsville.org)
6. Winners will be announced Sunday, October 25.

YOUR TIME STARTS NOW!